

PLANS A MAMMOTH RECREATION DOCK ON DREAMLAND'S RUINS

Borough President Steers' Proposal to Board May Save Many Acres.

A plan to convert the old iron pier at the Dreamland ruins into an elaborate recreation dock, stretching 1,000 feet into the ocean and to be built of stone and steel, with the prospect that the pier will enable the city to reclaim acres of land now under water on the beach of the projected Seaside Park at Coney Island, was submitted to the Board of Estimate today by Borough President Steers.

Mr. Steers' proposal was in the form of an amendment to a report of the Corporate Stock Budget Committee, which authorized \$25,000 for removing piers, bulkheads and debris from the burned area. The board agreed the appropriation should not be touched until it was decided that no use may be made of the jetties and piers which survived the fire.

The old pier is in a fair state of preservation," said Mr. Steers. "and it is possible, with the expenditure of a reasonable sum, to convert it into a bulkhead or jetty which would preserve the beach, and add to the city's acreage there."

Plans for the pier were prepared by Chief Engineer William R. Ward, who consulted with Charles Vorhies, builder of the old pier. It was pointed out that the absence of such a bulkhead reaching into the ocean has cost the city more than thirty acres of land at the foot of Ocean Parkway. At Manhattan Beach the establishment of bulkheads has won back acres of land from the ocean, and more bulkheads are being built.

BURNS EXPOSES GIGANTIC GRAFT IN ATLANTIC CITY

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are now using every influence to keep out of jail.

With the possible exception of Dougherty, every one of the councilmen mixed up in the deal is well fixed. Phoebe is one of the best known hotel men in the resort. He recently retired from active hotel life, after selling the historic hotel Windsor, headquarters for years of the best known whips of the country during the annual horse show here, to the Widener interests, who are to erect a twenty-two-story hotel on the site.

Kessler, known familiarly as "The Millionaire Butcher" heads one of the largest packing houses of the resort. Estimates say he is worth a half million. Lane, a favorite Kuchala contractor, President of the Lane Paying Company, is said to be worth a quarter of a million. He at present holds some "rich pickings" in city contracts.

Malla, proprietor of Malla's Hotel, is known to be worth at least \$100,000, principally invested in the saloon business with "Boss" Kuchala.

Dougherty owns the largest restaurant on Atlantic avenue in the Third Ward and is comfortably well off. His rise in the local political firmament has been meteoric. He beat out the gang in the bitter scrap for municipal control at the last general election and through his strength gained a position with the big leaders.

Ordinance No. 8, as the Concrete Boardwalk bill was officially known, had a tempestuous history in council. Introduced during January, it was given first and second reading and then pigeon-holed after the daily press had exposed it.

BURNS LAID TRAP AND EXPOSURE IS RESULT.

The Boardwalk Committee for weeks declined to say a word about the bill and the impression given out was that it was "dead." On April 22 it was dragged from its resting place and sent through with a whoop, but three Councilmen—Gale, Headley and Mathis—voting against its passage. Fourteen members voted for its passage. This action was the signal for a universal lashing of the Council. Big hotel men urged the Mayor to veto the bill. He did. Council sustained the veto, effectually killing the measure.

The ordinance in brief provided for the rebuilding of the boardwalk by sections, as Council might determine by resolution from time to time, that all repairs must be made under the plans prepared by a civil engineer to be employed. This engineer was to be employed for "all repairs" which meant that his tenure of office would be perpetual and that the city would be called to pay him ad infinitum. No estimate of the cost was made, but unofficial figures gave it as at least a million dollars within a comparatively few years.

It now develops that the measure was in reality a "plant" made by Burns. He declared he had evidence that big bribes had been paid in the award of the million dollar drainage canal. To clinch this, however, it was necessary to get one man cornered to obtain a confession.

To do this Burns despatched one of his operatives here. He posed as James K. Morris, a wealthy New York contractor. This was a year ago. He let it be noised about quite casually that he was interested in putting up a concrete boardwalk. Tentative overtures were made. It required a deal of clever coaxing, but at last, according to Burns, one man "broke." To him was left the job of securing the proper majority. He approached four others, it is said, and as many more, who to-day, Burns declares, are either confused or are arrested. Each man, it is alleged, was to receive \$10,000 if the deal went through successfully.

MILLIONAIRE STOKES SUED FOR \$100,000 BY 'SHOOTING SHOW GIRL'

Miss Graham Begins Action for Damages and He Is Served by Clever Ruse.

Miss Lillian Graham, show girl, who, with Ethel Conrad, was arrested at the instigation of W. E. D. Stokes, June 7 last, charged with shooting him several times when he refused to yield to their alleged demand for money, brought suit against Stokes today for \$100,000 for "malicious prosecution and arrest."

Notice of summons was filed in the Supreme Court, but no complaint accompanied the paper. Clark L. Jordan, appearing for Miss Graham, said the complaint had not yet been fully drawn, because of the unexpectedly quick service of a subpoena on Stokes, but that the document would be forthcoming promptly.

"Miss Conrad also is to begin similar proceedings against Stokes for a like amount," said Lawyer Jordan. "Their cases are similar. We allege Mr. Stokes swore fully and maliciously to get Miss Graham and Miss Conrad arrested, he knowing no crime had been committed by them. They were tried on the charges preferred by him and acquitted. The jury did not believe the young women had lured him to their apartments in the Varuna and there tried to hold him up for money."

"This case differs from the ordinary case where John Doe proceedings are started in order to find out whether a crime has been committed. Instead of going to that protective means Mr. Stokes directly charged Miss Graham and Miss Conrad with a serious crime. The service was made by strategy upon the owner of the Ansonia at his big apartment hotel. Process Server Harry Rothberg, twenty-one years old, learned Mr. Stokes wished to sell a certain piece of property. Rothberg acquainted himself with the peculiarities of the property, and called on Mr. Stokes on the phone, saying he had a purchaser. Rothberg spoke so familiarly regarding the property that Stokes was taken off his guard. It is stated, and agreed to see the young man. Mr. Stokes fumed when the papers in the Graham suit were handed to him.

GAS KILLS WOMAN OF 90.

Her Daughter Also a Victim in Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 31.—Mrs. Annie Williams, fifty-nine years old, and her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Long, ninety years of age, were asphyxiated in their home here early to-day. Death was accidental and was due to gas escaping from a range.

MILLER AND MOTLEY FREE DESPITE NEW YORK WARRANT

Evidence Mailed From Washington to Support Charge Not Received and London Judge Acts.

LONDON, May 31.—Clark A. Miller and Alfred H. Motley, formerly of New York, were discharged because of lack of evidence against them when they were arraigned in court to-day accused of larceny. The complainants are officers of the United States Lithographing Company of New York and Cincinnati, who charged that a lithographing process for which they paid the defendants \$100,000 did not prove to be as represented.

The Magistrate decided to free the men in spite of the fact that an officer from the New York Police Department

produced a warrant for their arrest signed by President Taft and Secretary of State Knox, the defendants having been detained at the request of the American State Department. The New York officer, however, did not have the evidence to support the warrant, although it was said to have been mailed at Washington on May 20. As it had not reached the American Embassy here the Magistrate concluded to release the prisoners, explaining that this would not interfere with the issuance of a new warrant when evidence against them was received.

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